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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The Wrong Way

LET it be said immediately that the decision of 40 organisations protesting against the electricity surcharge to cable for Mr. Lennox Boyd's intervention is the wrong way to go about it. The cable will arouse no more than laughter in London—and the answer will be that the question of an arbitration board to consider the surcharge is a matter for the Hongkong Government to decide.

In which case the proposal should have been put to the officer administering the Government here to await the Governor's return. This procedure is surely elementary. As it is the effect of this spectacular form of appeal will be to embarrass the Governor by sending a request over his head to his immediate superior while he is in London. There may be headline hitting tactics—but how does it affect the issue?

It does not help consumers at all. Making capital of a genuine grievance only reduces the sincere attempts already made to bring about the removal of the total nine per cent surcharge to a farce. The correct procedure would have been to have suggested to Government through the normal channels that an inquiry should be instituted. And this would probably have won some support—more at any rate than the sponsors are likely to win by adopting the extraordinary course they have.

Another form of approach which is preferable is the course now being taken by a number of Chinese commercial and industrial associations in the Colony to write to the companies expressing dissatisfaction and asking for figures to justify their recent decision—figures, incidentally, which the electric companies still refuse to disclose.

But attempts at browbeating the electric companies are plainly absurd and the public must ask whether the professed motives are genuine—particularly as it has been handled so naively and with so little prospect of achieving anything useful for the consumers. Not only were last night's decisions tactically feeble, indeed, but they are more likely to retard than advance the consumers' case.

## Disarmament Prospects Good

Washington, July 22. US Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles said in a television speech tonight that there were reasons for hoping that progress might be made toward disarmament.

Mr. Dulles said that the urgent necessity of reaching an agreement had helped within the last few months to increase the realism of the delegates at the London disarmament conference, as well as the prospects of an agreement.—France-Press.

(Full Report on Page 3 Col. 1)

## INDONESIA WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM UNEF

New York, July 22. INDONESIA today announced that she would withdraw all her troops (584) from the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt, the first country to do so.

Dr. Sudjarto, Indonesian representative, told the United Nations that his government deeply regretted "its inability

# RAF POISED AGAINST REBELS

## Three-Phase Air Strikes In Oman

By COLIN LAWSON

Muscat, July 22. Royal Air Force planes are ready to carry out a three-phase plan.

Tomorrow at dawn an aircraft will fly over the 5,000 square miles of territory held by rebels. It will drop leaflets calling on the rebels to surrender. This will be phase one.

Phase two will follow if this has no effect. It will be a demonstration strike by Meteor and Venom jets showing what the RAF can do if rebels don't give in. If this fails, the first armed strike will follow.

For the moment fighting has stopped. The rebels are secure behind barricades and the Sultan's men are not capable of mounting a counter offensive.

At the entrance of a Muscat Army fort I spoke to Major Pat Gray, former Arab Legion officer under General Glubb.

He said: "We have neither army supplies nor transport to defeat the rebels. Things are grim although no large scale fighting is going on."

### LICKING WOUNDS

"We are licking our wounds and the enemy is well entrenched."

Will British troops be used? Major Gray: "No. They would be useless in this terrain and heat. What we want and want quickly is air support."

From Nizwah—West—rebels hold 5,000 square miles. Waverers who thought the Sultan would be victorious have gone over to rebels.

Here is the first full story to come out of Muscat since fighting started and which I pieced together in talks with military and civilians.

Rebels are well armed and using an undefined make of road mine. When they set up their battle headquarters they hid mines on the only road and tracks leading through hills.

The Sultan mustered his force. First, a jeep blew up on a mine. Withering fire was opened. Lieutenant Colonel Bill Cheesman, former Royal Artillery officer was wounded. He's now in hospital in Muscat. Twelve more men were hit almost immediately.

The battle of Nizwah lasted 48 hours. The Sultan's men were forced to withdraw. From 19th marched reinforcements to defend the town of Firw, but it had already fallen.

### SHORT BURST

There was short burst of fighting which ended in the rebels strengthening their positions.

Yesterday rebels swooped on oil men working for the Iraq Petroleum Company.

A team had been sent out to repair roads leading from the oil camp to Fahud. They drove into an ambush.

The Englishman in charge was captured. He was told he would be ransomed for 4,000 ruppes. He had only 400 ruppes on him. The rebels took this and a bulldozer and small crane. They allowed him and the rest of the team to return to Fahud, but warned: "Don't come into this territory again."

An American Mission doctor, Doctor Thomas told me: "If oil had been found by now the situation would have been different. But thousands of the Sultan's subjects are becoming restless and this is being played up by Cairo Radio and the Saudis. The Sultan's enemies

are spreading violent anti-British propaganda although this country is quite independent."

The real key to the situation is oil and both Nasser and Saudi are banking on a victory for Ghaleb, and his brother Talib who is the real brains behind the rising. In Muscat harbour lies a British frigate under orders to help the Sultan and at Sharjah I saw Venoms, Meteors and transport planes.

### SMUGGLING ARMS

But arms continue to pour in along the coast.

The Sultan's military advisers say: "If Britain wants to help she should put a small fleet of motor torpedo boats in the Gulf and search the dhows and feluccas we know are smuggling arms."—London Express Service.

## Disarmament Delay Blamed On Britain

London, July 22.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin has sent British Premier Harold Macmillan a lengthy personal message blaming Britain for the delay in reaching a five-power disarmament agreement, diplomatic sources said tonight.

The Soviet letter replied to a 3,000-word note which Britain delivered to Bulganin last month.

Bulganin's letter was the first major Soviet diplomatic message to the West since the shakeup in the Kremlin and the ouster of the Molotov trio.

It was delivered to No. 10 Downing Street this afternoon, the source said. British and Soviet quarters kept silent over its contents.

The letter was understood to severely criticise Britain's attitude in the five-power disarmament talks.—United Press.

## Another Tour For B And K

Berlin, July 22.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev are to visit East Germany in August, the East German news agency ADN said today.

(Moscow Radio said the First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Premier would lead a party and government delegation. The visit would take place at the invitation of the Central Committee of the German Socialist Unity Party and the East German Government.)—Reuter.

## Some Nerve

Manila, July 23.

Two steel-nerved swindlers came to grief yesterday when they became too brash and sought as their victim the Manila police.

Joseph van Pikker, Filipino citizen of American parentage, and his accomplice, offered to help the police hunt a swindling gang for a monetary consideration.

A suspicious policeman started investigating and discovered that the swindling gang was no other than van Pikker and his aide.—Reuter.

## THE DEVIL'S FACE AT STONECUTTERS

Near the stranded freighter Tweed Breeze there is a devil's face.

It leers from the rocks at the men who work from salvage stations, clearing away the obstructions that have bound Tweed

Breeze to its perch on the shores of Stonecutters.

Superstitious? Well, perhaps it could have been a combination of Typhoon Wendy and the fiend's face.

Tweed Breeze has been on the rocks for almost a week now. Six divers have been working on her. Rocks have been dragged away from her bows and stern and an attempt is to be made at high tide in the next few days to refloat her.

The early morning tide—which will be over seven feet tomorrow—will, it is hoped, give the rise necessary to refloat her.

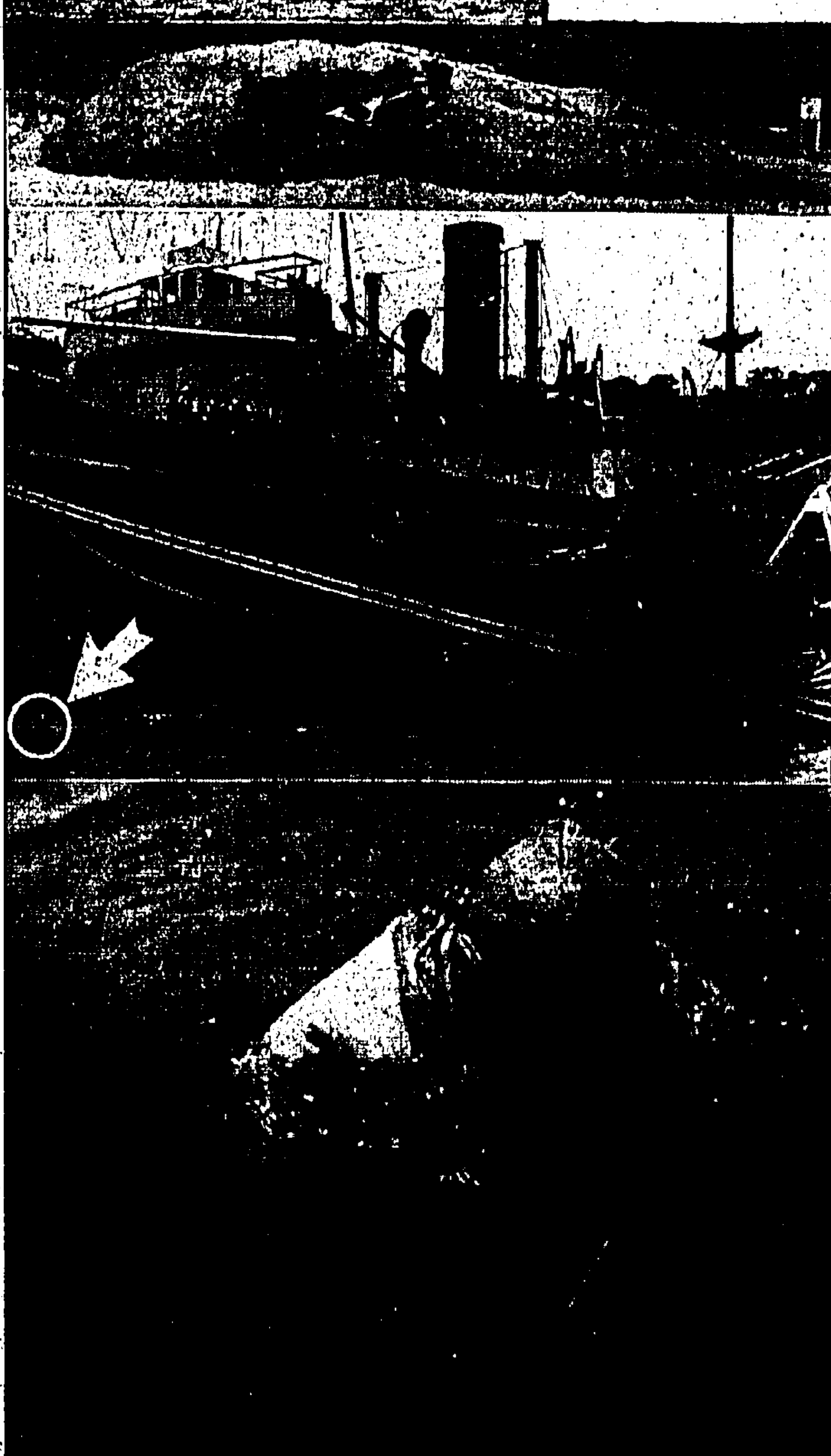
The photo at the left shows the devil's face; the one below that its setting in the Stonecutters rocks. Below that the diver (in circle) moves off to the bows of Tweed Breeze and at the bottom, a diver surfaces after a look at the ship's keel.—China Mail photos.



## Train Crash Victims Die

Paris, July 22. Three sealed coffins of the ill-fated Nice-to-Paris Express, who had fought for their lives since Friday's disaster, died today, raising the toll to 28.

Twelve badly burned wreck victims still are in the Conception Hospital at Marseilles, five in "critical" condition.—United Press.



## CHINESE CALENDAR SAYS:

## HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR

TODAY is "The Great Heat", the hottest day of the year, according to the Chinese lunar calendar.

This year "The Great Heat" falls on the 20th day of the sixth moon, when the Chinese almanac says the earth is receiving the full heat from the sun.

The "tung kwa" melon and the lotus is the theme for the day.

People of South China believe that "the great heat" is bad for the body and must be offset by a cooling drink—which is not necessarily cold, and in fact, in most cases, boiling hot!

### SPECIAL SOUP

Most Chinese families today will be eating a soup in which melon, lotus leaves, and beans have been boiled for hours and hours. This soup is believed to cool the body system.

Fancier dishes in the same theme include the well-known Chinese dish of steamed whole melon, "Tung Kwa Chung," chicken and rice steamed in lotus leaves; or melon and lotus leaves and duck.

### ONLY 88.3

According to the Royal Observatory the maximum temperature today up to noon was 88.3 degrees F, but is expected to go higher in the afternoon.

The day before yesterday, the temperature at noon was 80 degrees and the maximum temperature for the day was 90.8 degrees. Yesterday's maximum was 90.1 degrees.

The hottest day of the year recorded at the Observatory was July 15 when the maximum touched 91.0 degrees.

## H.E. To Have

### Further

### Talks With

## Lennox-Boyd

London, July 22. Sir Alexander Grantham is expected to have further talks tomorrow with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, on problems facing the Colony.

The Governor, recalled for "routine discussions" according to the Colonial Office, conferred for an hour today with the Colonial Secretary. He also had a series of talks with Far Eastern experts in the Colonial Office.

No official comment on the subject of the talks was forthcoming but it is believed one question being raised is the possibility of aid from Britain to help Hongkong deal with its refugee overcrowding problem.—Reuter.

## Suez Decision

New York, July 22.

Egypt today deposited with the United Nations her acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the world court in legal disputes over the operation of the nationalised Suez Canal.—Reuter.

## Israeli Arrested In Suez Harbour

Suez, July 22. An Israeli seaman aboard the Danish cargo vessel Birgitte Toft in Suez Harbour was arrested today and will be handed over to the Egyptian military authorities.

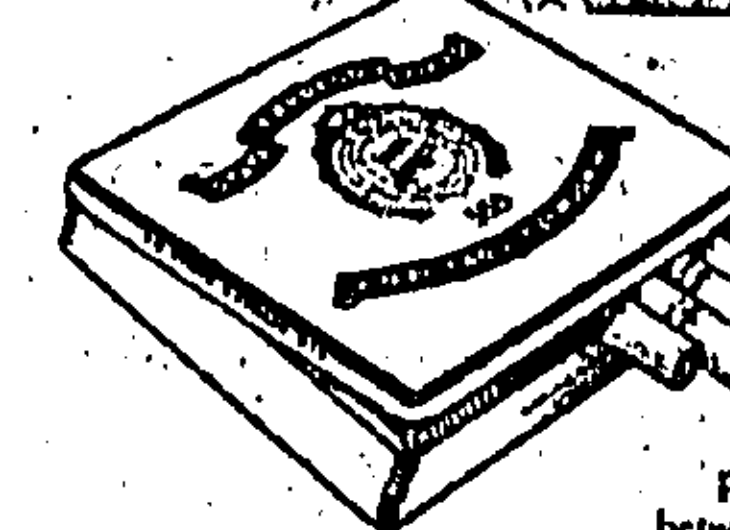
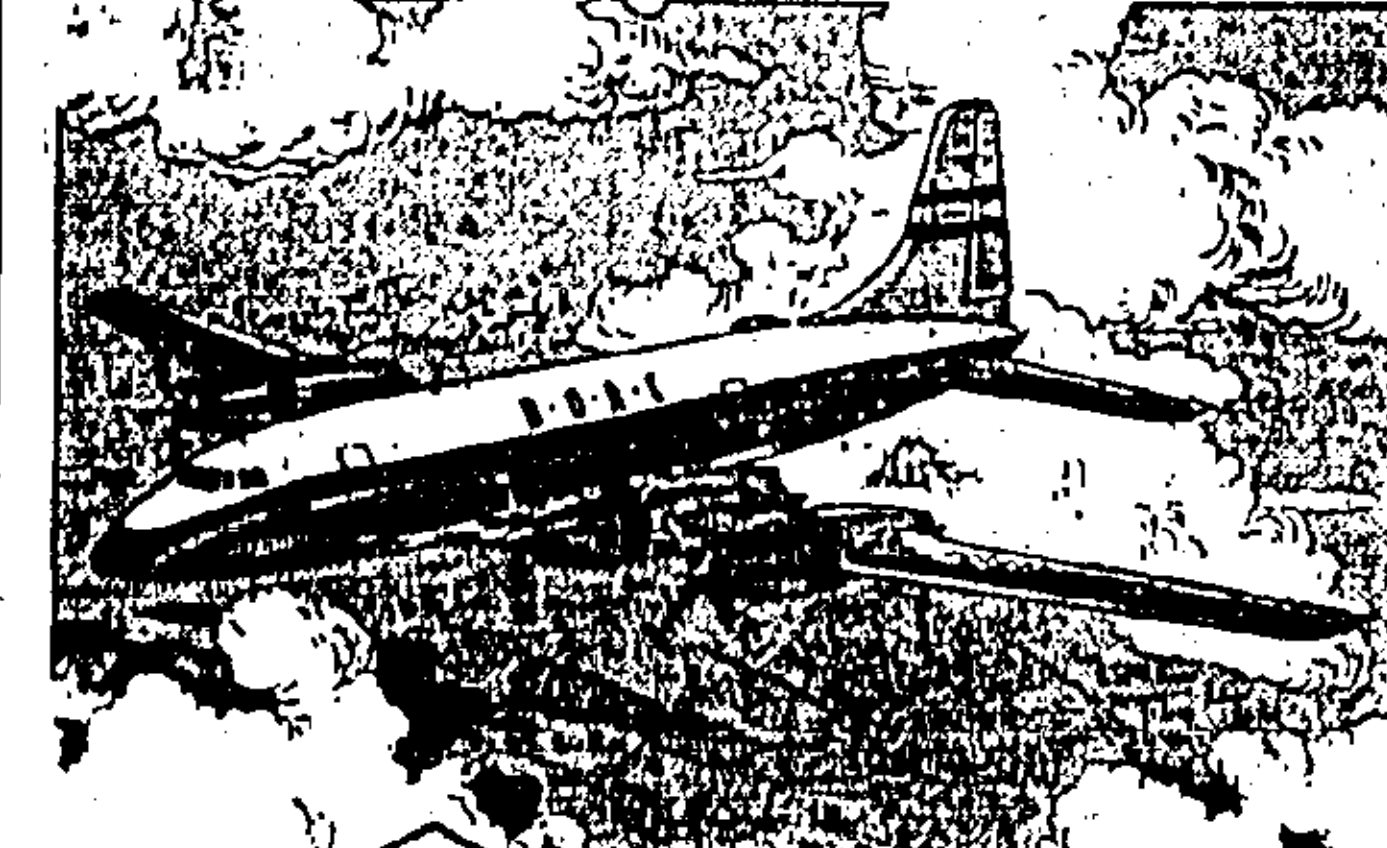
The 2,355-ton ship, bound for Haifa, will be allowed to transit the Canal with her cargo tomorrow, the Suez Canal Authority announced tonight. The sailor, Rafi Eylon, had been confined to a cabin, guarded by harbour police, since the ship arrived earlier today.

The ship came from Rangoon. When she arrived at Suez, Captain H. Lolk said the ship's papers were burned in a fire during the voyage on June 29.

Hitherto the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority has sometimes refused to supply facilities to ships bound to or from Israel, but has allowed them transit.

Israeli ships have been barred.—China Mail Special.

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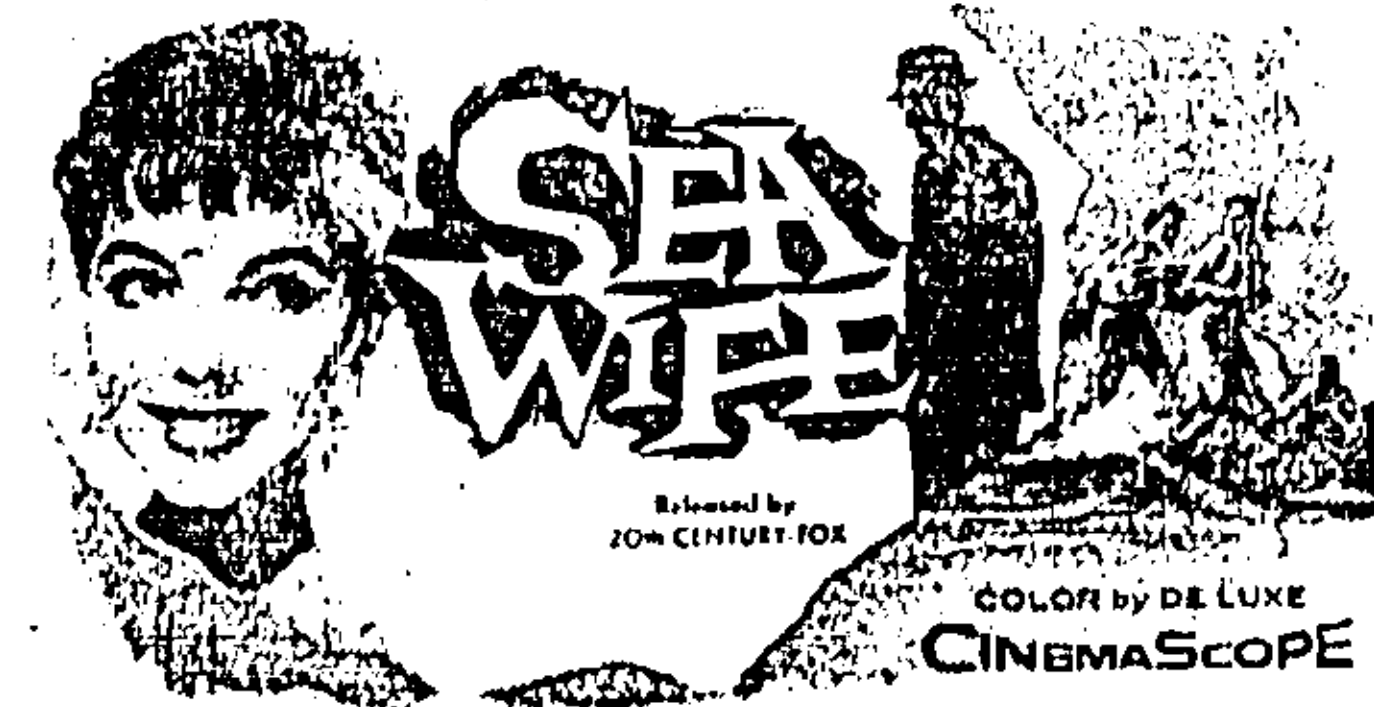
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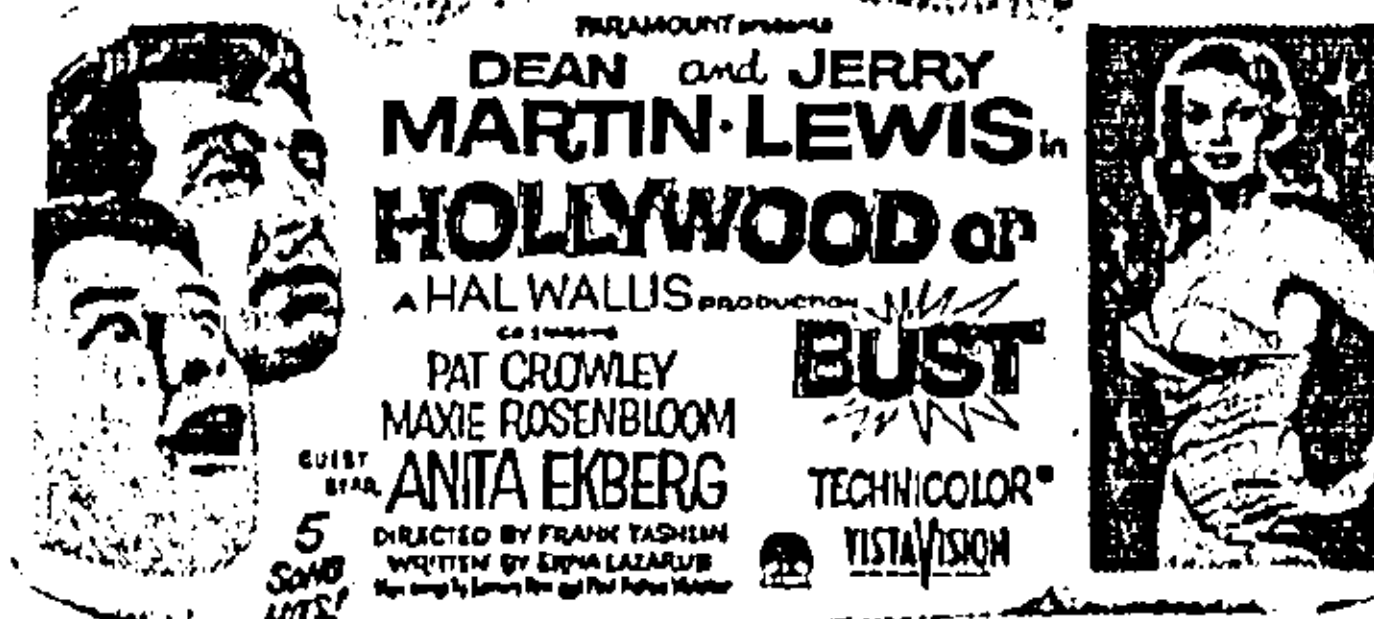
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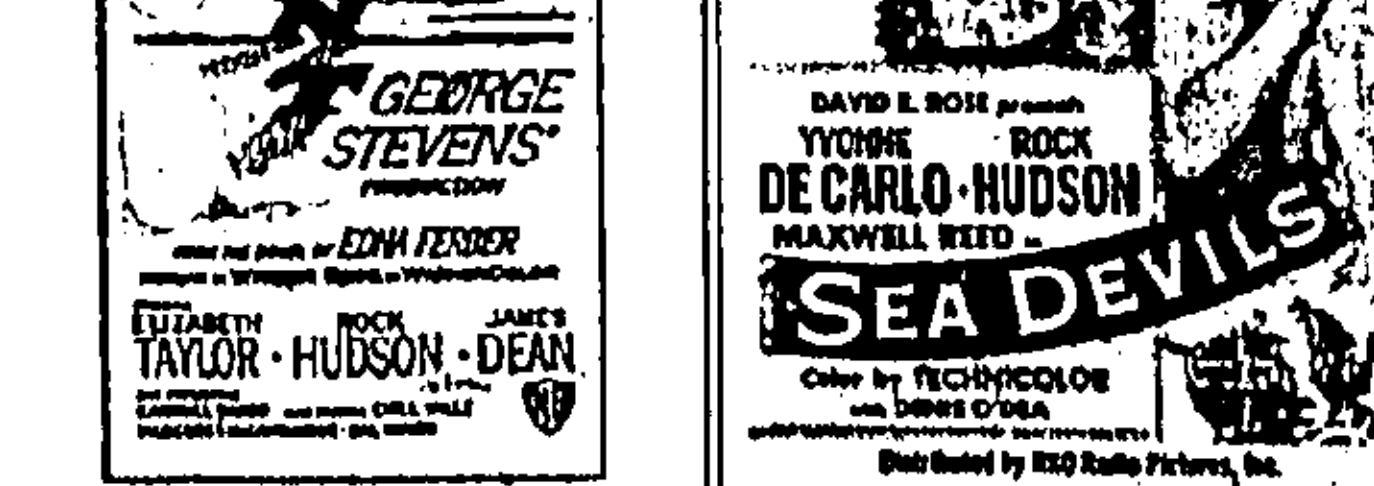
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# AMERICANS HAVE TO BE EXPLAINED TO BRITONS

## Paper Publishes Supplement

London, July 22. The London Daily Telegraph published a 10-page special section today designed to explain Americans to Britons. It said its purpose is to supply factual "information about development and trends in the United States, so that we can more readily understand the motives behind her actions."

★ World leadership and how it came about ("It would be difficult to find any historical parallel for so complete and fundamental a change in a nation's peacetime foreign policy brought about in so short a time")

★ The kind of people they are ("...Americans have a passion for equality. It is their sport-

ing concept in which everybody is equal before the law or at the starting line of a race")

★ Parties in balance ("The most startling new feature of the American political landscape is the fact that although Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal coalition has smashed in ruins, the Republicans have not yet been able to build themselves into the nation's new majority party")

have been injected with some magic stimulant which drives them to go on and on—improving, experimenting, manoeuvring and increasing—regardless of the demands this makes upon health, private life or anything else")

★ Trade Unions on the defence ("Large, fat, sleek and smug, the labour movement in the United States is a declining social power. Its membership is stagnant. It has failed to organize the expanding white-collar class. Its leadership is aging and has lost its clasp.")—United Press.

# JAPAN-HK TRADE UP

## Second Chief Source To Red China

London, July 22. Imports from Japan to Hongkong rose by £17,800,000 to £50,700,000 during 1956, the annual official Government Report for the British Colony revealed today.

Japan was Hongkong's second chief source of imports, Communist China being the first.

More than 50 per cent of the imports from Japan were in the form of raw materials and semi-finished goods. Other items were base metals and non-electrical machinery. The United Nations trade embargo knocked more than £62,500,000 sterling off Hongkong's exports to China.

Part of this has been made up by increased trade with Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and Britain, the Report added. Since the war there has been an increase of 1,600 factories in the Colony, and the labour force has more than quadrupled.

There has been "a revolution in techniques, improvements in quality, and great diversification."

The Report records in detail the difficulties facing Hongkong from the great influx of refugees since the end of World War Two.

Into 62 square miles of usable land are crammed 2,500,000 people, increasing by 75,000 a year.

The refugees, squatting in colonies of slum huts, brought vice to the Colony—drugs, brothels, gambling, crime of every kind.

But they also helped Hongkong to survive economically after the severe blow to its trade by the United Nations embargo on the export of strategic goods to Communist China.

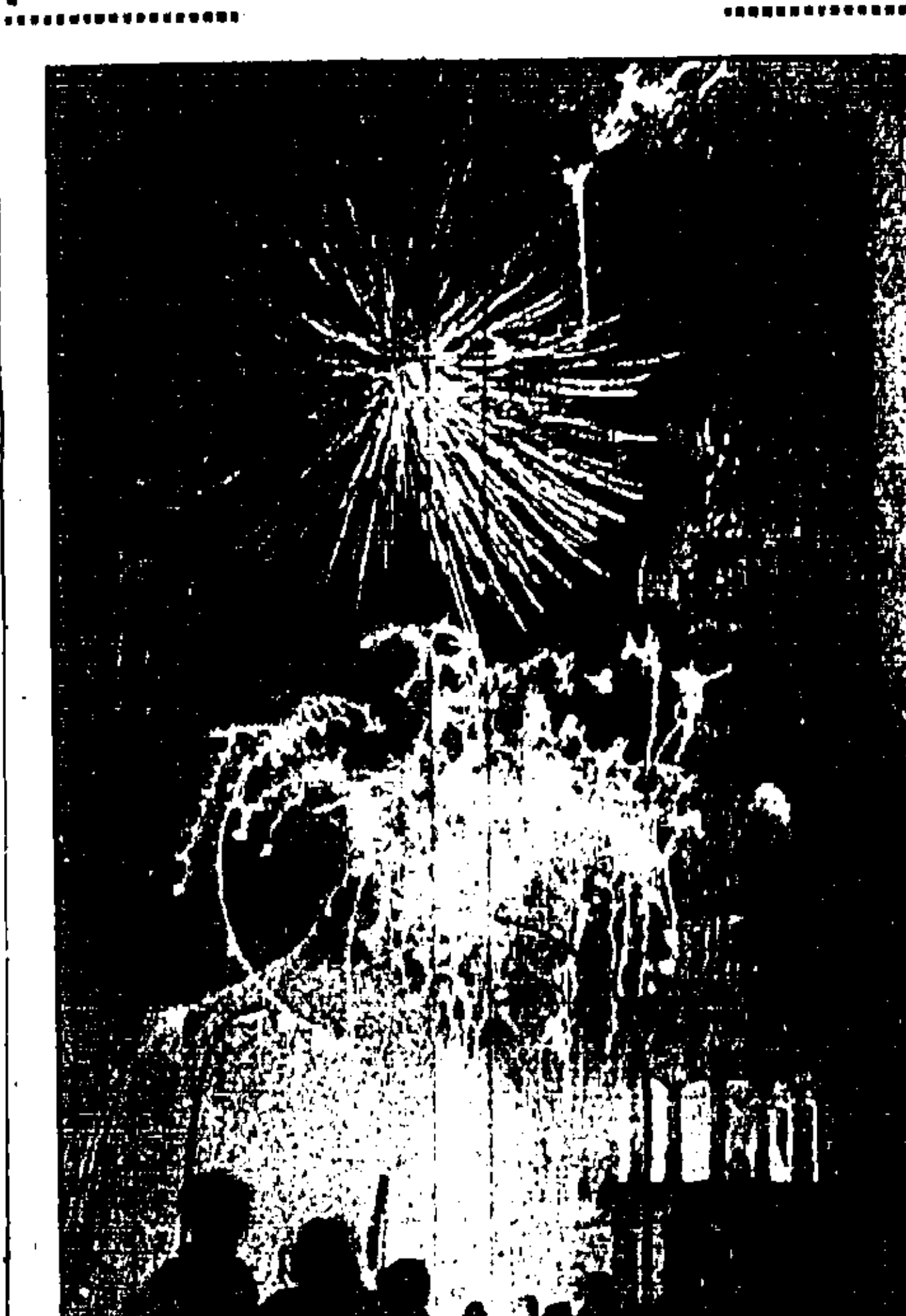
Partly because of labour force, new capital and new techniques brought by the refugees, the Colony has been able to expand and revolutionize its industry.

Many of the refugees have been resettled in community estates. But vast problems remain.

About 300,000 "squatters" remain to be resettled, more schools, hospitals, prisons, are needed, and meanwhile the conventional rising needs of the Colony are "desperately serious and are thought by some to demand priority," the Report declared.

Statistical "When one reads of one million homeless exiles... the great sum of human tragedy becomes a matter of statistical

## Victory-Monument Ablaze



The Berlin-Siegessäule (Victory Monument) ablaze was viewed by more than 100,000 Berliners on July 14. The fireworks were set off during the International Building Exhibition in the Berlin Tiergarten. — Keystone Picture.

# NEW PROPOSALS ON GERMAN REUNIFICATION?

By VINCENT BUIST

Moscow, July 22. Western observers in Moscow were speculating tonight on whether the announcement that Mr Nikita Khrushchev will visit East Germany next month indicates that he will offer new proposals on German reunification.

Berlin would be an ideal platform from which the Soviet leader could seize the attention of the West Germans, a month before their general elections.

The Berlin visit gives further proof of the changed orientation in Soviet leadership since the dismissal of the "anti-party group" earlier this month.

One of the criticisms aimed especially at Mr Molotov was his opposition to personal contacts between spokesmen of the kind which Khrushchev likes.

STRENGTHEN The visit will also tend to strengthen the East German regime in much the same way that the Soviet visit to Prague heartened the leading group of Communists in Czechoslovakia.

Like the Czechs the East Germans have the reputation for being stalwart supporters of Moscow's views—much more so than their neighbours the Poles.

## KIDNAPPING REPORTS UNTRUE

Gstaad, Switzerland, July 22. A spokesman for Prince Rainier of Monaco said that reports of threats to kidnap the baby Princess Caroline, daughter of the Prince and Princess Grace, were "pure fantasy."

The police guard at their rented chalet near here had been normal, the spokesman said.

His statement followed reports from police sources that the Royal couple has asked for extra protection at the chalet while they were away on a short visit to Monaco during which they left Princess Caroline in the care of her nurse and a member of the household. — China Mail Special.

## ROTHSCHILD'S GIFT TO ISRAEL

Jerusalem, July 22. Negotiations are now underway for the sale of £2,000,000 worth of property held by the Rothschild family in Israel, the proceeds to go toward the building of a new Israeli Parliament building, it was announced today.

The Rothschild family acquired the property before the State of Israel was created.

At present, the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) is housed in a former bank building.—France-Press.

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# DISARMAMENT: 'SLIGHT PROGRESS'

## Dulles Gives Review Of Negotiations On Radio-TV Broadcast

Washington, July 22.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, reported to the American people tonight that "some slight progress" had been made in negotiations with the Soviet Union for a first step disarmament programme.

### AMERICAN G.I. SAYS RUSSIANS BEAT HIM

Berlin, July 22.  
AN AMERICAN soldier told a court-martial today the Soviets beat, starved and imprisoned him as a spy after he wandered drunk into East Germany.

Sergeant William J. Smallwood, 31, of Bentleyville, Kentucky, said the Soviets spurned his pleas to be returned to West Germany and tried to convert him to Communism.

**DESERPTION**  
He went on trial today for desertion because of 33 months he spent in East Germany. He pleaded not guilty on the grounds he was held against his will.

Smallwood told the general court he made two unsuccessful attempts to escape.

After the second attempt, he said, Soviet secret police MVD guards kicked him down three flights of stairs, hit him on the head in relays with rubber clubs and beat him so severely that gold from a partial dental plate was driven into his jaw.

**ESPIONAGE**  
East German Communists then at a Soviet engineering school, sentenced him to three years in Waldheim prison for espionage, he said.

He said the Soviets frequently offered to release him if he would agree to stay in East Germany and embrace Communism, but he refused to accept the offer.

Smallwood said he wandered across the West German border into the Soviet Zone on May 22, 1954, when drunk.

He was released from Waldheim this February before completion of his term and came to West Berlin.—United Press.

**TRADE MISSION**  
Singapore, July 22.  
A Singapore trade delegation will leave here by special aircraft for Formosa at the end of this month with a view to reducing the trade gap between Malaya and that country.—France-Press.

**A British Crossword Puzzle**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35

**ACROSS**  
1 It's in our blood (6).  
5 Went into a decline (5).  
8 Musical entertainment (5).  
9 Newspaper chief (6).  
10 All-round ornaments (5).  
11 Deadly opponent (5).  
12 All there (4).  
13 Rows of rain (5).  
16 He stocks stockings (6).  
18 At rest (6).  
20 Prepared fibre (5).  
22 Don't put in for this (4).  
23 Slim beauty (5).  
25 Like a shrike (5).  
27 Failed to do the right thing (6).  
28 Uncanny (5).  
29 That's the ticket (6).

**DOWN**  
1 They cease your trousers (8).  
2 State of being parched (8).  
3 The us (4).  
4 Stone fruit (7).  
5 In steps and starts (7).  
6 Scottish municipal officer (6).  
7 Anxious but not worried (5).  
14 They live on their own (6).  
15 Just a slut (8).  
16 Turning-up rope (7).  
17 Certain medicinal herbs (7).  
19 Professional trier (6).  
21 Make accusations (5).  
24 Thick skin (4).

**MONDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Franco, 5 Coward, 8 Orwell, 9 Untold, 11 Allot, 12 Salern, 14 Dul(water), 16 Eilat, 18 Arose, 19 Adam, 20 Crusoe, 24 Allah, 25 Seidman, 26 Even, 27 Noses, 28 Strain, Down: 1 Fluc, 2 Ants, 3 Colt, 4 Ordinal, 5 Changed, 6 Wilhelm, 7 Delecia, 9 Oosts, 13 Bargain, 14 Doubles, 15 Leeches, 17 Carol, 19 Amuses, 21 Sent, 22 Edna (Best), 23 Amen.

In a review of the five-power talks which have been taking place in London, Mr Dulles said in a east-to-east radio-television broadcast that the United States believed that its proposals offered a basis for an important start in bringing destructive forces under control.

"We hope the Soviet Union will accept them," he said. "So far, some slight progress has been made."

The Soviet Union seemed hesitant to agree to stop producing fissionable material for weapons purposes, so as to prevent the production of nuclear weapons from spreading throughout the world, said Mr Dulles.

**Hesitant**  
"The Soviets at this time seem hesitant to agree to stop producing fissionable material for weapons purposes, so as to prevent the production of nuclear weapons from spreading throughout the world," said Mr Dulles.

"The Soviets still want to see nuclear testing suspended irrespective of other steps, and for a period which would be unrelated to progress in other directions."

Mr Dulles said that the United States allies had given the US proposal independent and intensive study and their reaction was generally favourable.

"Encouraged by this," he added, "we shall, with them, persist in our pursuit of Soviet agreement upon an initial programme."

Time was not unlimited, warned Mr Dulles.

**Difficulty**  
"Each year that passes without agreement adds practical difficulty of achieving adequate limitation and control," he added.

"But we have reason to hope. The very increase in urgency for reaching agreement has contributed in recent months to an increase in the realism and seriousness of the negotiations and the prospect they hold of bringing some meeting of minds."

"If mankind wishes to preserve the civilisation it has created over many centuries, it must find a way to free the world from the continuing threat of destruction from the weapons it has built. I know it can. I believe it will."

The Secretary of State's exhaustive review of United States disarmament policy had been approved in advance by President Eisenhower.

**Presented**  
Mr Dulles' restatement of United States views followed closely the publication last week of the British White Paper on Disarmament.

The United States proposals have been presented in London over a period of several weeks by Mr Harold E. Stassen, Chief of the US delegation to the disarmament talks which have been attended also by representatives of Britain, the Soviet Union, France and Canada. The five powers form the sub-committee of the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

Mr Stassen has not yet presented in detail the United States proposals relating to aerial inspection zones.

Mr Dulles said tonight: "The United States is prepared to accept the inspection of all its territory in North America in exchange for inspection of the Soviet Union. We are in close consultation with our Canadian friends as to the possibility of enlarging this North American zone to include Canada."

The United States, he said, was also prepared to consider more limited zones which could be expanded progressively.—Reuter.

## Pong Went The Drum, And Ping Went The Bra



Ping went the straps on her bra—and 17-year-old Julie Martin became the most shaken little shake dancer ever. She'd performed her torrid Latin-American shake dance hundreds of times—and never has anything gone wrong before. This time it was different. As Julie danced at London's Calypso Ball her bra straps snapped. It happened before an audience of 1,000 debutantes, society men and women. Julie tried to dance on—kneeling—and the crowd—including Princess Margaret's friend Billy Wallace, The Marquis of Blandford, Lord and Lady Grenfell and Lady Somerset—cheered. But it was no use. After struggling for minutes which seemed like hours—she was blacked out. Billy Wallace told her afterwards: "I think you were absolutely magnificent." Photo shows Julie Martin begins her shake dance (left) Then whoops! It happens. Her bra snaps—and down she goes on one knee frantically holding on to the straps.—Keystone Photo.

## BRITAIN PROTESTS SINISTER ROLE OF US OIL FIRMS

By ROSS MARK

Washington, July 22.

Britain has protested to the United States that American oil companies are playing a sinister role against traditional British interests in the oil rich Persian Gulf.

British Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia told American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on Friday that Britain was determined to crush attempts to drive British oil interests out.

Official sources who revealed this today said Sir Harold also gave Mr Dulles advance notice that Britain is moving two warships and troops reinforcements for loyal Sultan of Muscat and Oman.

**DEFEND ROLE**  
I understand Dulles reserved his position about the whole affair. But he did defend role of the American oil combine, Aramco (Arabian American Oil Company).

Dulles disagreed when a straight talking Ambassador of Britain said Aramco dollars and American weapons channelled through King Saud were used by rebels trying to overthrow Sultan.

Dulles it is understood said reports that Aramco was stirring up trouble in hope of getting new oil concessions was a fabrication.

Dulles said while it was true Aramco had an agreement with Saudi to exploit oilfields in whole of Arabia, Aramco officials had an established principle of never going into disputed areas.

Dulles told Sir Harold that this applied to Trucial Coast areas of Muscat and Oman.

**DETERMINED**  
State Department sources say the United States is determined not to get involved in dispute between Britain and Saudi Arabia. This could be acutely embarrassing to Washington.

United States doesn't want to jeopardise friendship with Saudi at time when his influence is regarded as essential in contest with Russia for influence in the Middle East.

Neither does Washington want to harm oil supplies to Britain. A steady stream of oil from the Middle East is recognised as lifeline for Britain.

While United States officials say no pressure is being brought to bear on Britain to stop sending forces to Oman and Muscat, they seemed surprised that the movement included modern Hunter jets.

One official suggested Saud might regard this as a challenge and send in Soviet MiG—London Express Service.

## Lana Turner Divorces Her Fifth

Santa Monica, July 22.  
American screen star Lana Turner today obtained a divorce from her husband, Alexander Barker, known for his "Tarzan" roles in films.

The former "sweater girl" told the judge that her husband used to mistreat her and once even struck her during breakfast.

It was the fifth marriage for Mrs Turner and the third for Barker.—France-Press.

## 'Fantastic' Amount Of Money Spent On Missiles

Washington, July 22.

United States officials find that development of intermediate and intercontinental missiles is costing what some describe as a "fantastic" amount of money.

The entire United States missile programme has cost the Government alone about \$6,000,000,000 so far, which is three times the cost of the original Manhattan district project during World War II for development of the atomic bomb.

"And this is only the beginning," one expert said. It was pointed out that it is only what the Federal Government spends for missiles and does not include the high costs to private industry of a large amount of research and experimentation in development of metals, ceramics, electronic guiding equipment and other devices later used by the Government in its missile programme.

**\$4 MILLION EACH**  
Whereas an artillery shell for a big naval gun cost about \$150 each, some relatively cheap missiles now cost about \$20,000 and the big intercontinental missiles are said to cost in some cases \$4,000,000 each.

Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee early this year that the Army would soon be spending one half of its total costs of production and procurement for missiles. This could mean a total expenditure in one year of upwards of \$3,000,000,000 for missiles.

The Air Force has indicated that by 1962 it will spend about 80 per cent of its total funds for missiles as compared with 20 per cent recently. This will be in the time when airplanes become only a minor factor in Air Force procurement costs, superseded by missiles for many long-range and air-to-air defence jobs.—United Press.

**FRENCH PATROLS KILL 31**  
Algiers, July 22.  
French patrols killed 31 rebels in Algeria during the past 24 hours, and police units checked identities of some 3,500 persons at Blida, reports showed today.

Only two killings by Nationalists were listed.

A rebel gunman shot down a French workman in a street near the Arab Casbah quarter of Algiers, and a French game warden was mortally wounded by pistol bullets fired into his back at Batna, 60 miles south of Constantine.

**SUSPECTS**  
After the vast identity check at Blida, 25 miles southwest of here, the French reported they held only ten suspects for further questioning.

The Sharifian Patrol work occurred in the mountainous Tiarat region 115 miles southeast of Oran, where 18 rebels were killed and 15 wounded.

Near Ain Tenouchet, close to the coast, 40 miles southeast of Oran, six Nationalists were killed, and several rebels met death in the Inkerman District, 85 miles East of Oran.—United Press.

**BEY AWAITING BAD NEWS?**  
Tunis, July 22.  
The 76-year-old Bey of Tunis, Sidi Mohammed Lamine walked in his palace at Carthage near here tonight for news that he had lost his throne.

The political committee of the Neo-Destour Nationalist Party, which won the country independence from France, was expected to take a decision making Tunisia a republic at a special meeting tonight.—Reuter.

## HEREDITY CHARACTERISTICS MADE TO ORDER

Paris, July 22.  
FRENCH biologist Professor Robert Courrier said today that for the first time biologists may have succeeded in transmitting through heredity certain characteristics artificially produced in a test animal.

In a paper read before the French Academy of Sciences, Professor Courrier recalled that three months ago French

biologists had announced that they had succeeded in changing characteristics of ducks through the injections of deoxyribonucleic acid (called DNA for short).

Ducks of the Peking variety after injection developed the characteristics of the khaki ducks. Now, he said, these changes appear to have been transmitted to the new generation

of the treated ducks. If these results are confirmed, it will be proved that DNA can change the hereditary of an animal, he said.

He said that 70 per cent of the ducklings born to ducks treated with DNA had the same characteristics that their parents had developed after treatment, distinguished by the lack of pigmentation of the beak and feet.

Untreated Peking ducks, on the contrary, had orange-yellow feet and beaks.

Professor Courrier said this discovery "might have extraordinary consequences."

The first success in this field of biology opens up wide possibilities of scientifically changing racial or individual physical or intellectual characteristics and of seeing these changes passed on to succeeding generations, scientists pointed out.—France-Press.



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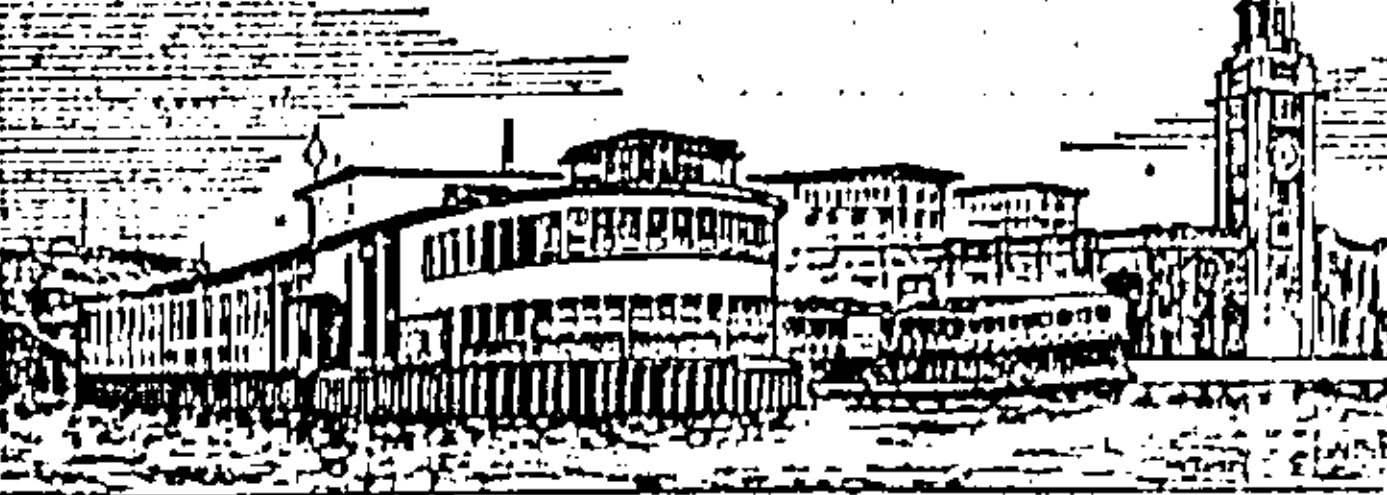
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## ROAD TO MOSCOW

I'm dancing  
at midnight  
in MINSK

Patricia Smyllie

I AM having a marvelous time in Minsk. We are dancing in the streets to bands which suddenly spring up at odd corners.

We are dancing to the tune of "Blue Moon," my Intourist guide and myself, and 6,000 Russians who are celebrating a festival of youth.

On one side of the main square here is an enormous statue of Stalin which seems to laugh at the gay crowds dancing below.

Lights on a building say in Russian: "Peace to the World." A searchlight is playing on a barrage balloon with flags flying beneath it.

In my hotel—the best in Minsk—it is very gay. The ballroom is crowded and they have been dancing to the tune of "Autumn Leaves."

I arrived at the hotel after driving 232 miles from the border at Brest-Litovsk on my way to Moscow as the first car tourist in Russia.

My bedroom is luxurious. Next door there is a shower with hot and cold water.

I had a meal which is paid for by the tourist agency here. It was like all meals on this trip.

And now it is midnight and we are dancing.

I must tell you about Valentine, the official interpreter in whose care I was placed for the journey to Minsk. He is one of the kindest and most thoughtful of men.

He was also the official guide the Russians insist must travel with every foreign tourist entering the Soviet Union.

Before I left Brest-Litovsk Valentine, who is young with fair hair and thick glasses, took me round to a garage to have the car checked over.

It proved to be hilariously funny. A couple of hours of the 400 mechanics who work there run up and crowded round the car.

Over a loudspeaker came Strauss waltzes. While the car was being washed, everyone seemed so curious to see the works that I opened up the bonnet to let them have a look.

As I was a tourist on my way to Moscow I was not allowed to pay for all that was done.

"We do it for extra politeness," said the head of the typical Russian figure.

When the time came to start Valentine said: "I escort you out, lady." I offered him the seat beside me. He gratefully accepted and I seemed terribly interested in how my car ran.

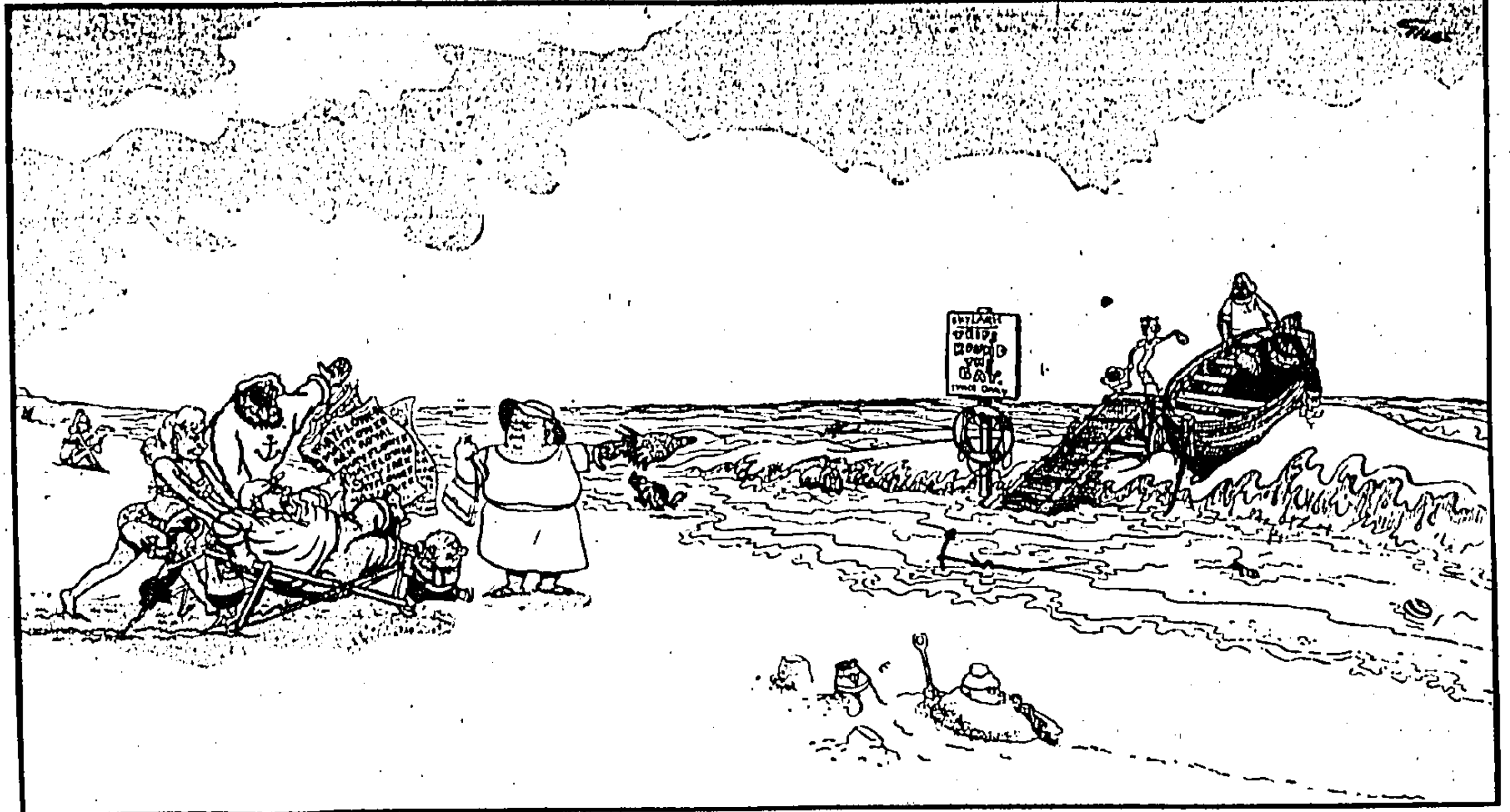
Valentine turned out to be a most amusing character. He told me he was married with one child. "It is cheaper to have children in Russia," he said, "if you don't have any you pay more taxes."

He was a bit dubious about my driving at first, but he soon got used to seeing scared animals and children dashing out of the road when they saw my car approaching.

I saw only one petrol filling station. A crowd of people gathered every time we stopped at the roadside.

They looked at me sitting there as large as life, and it was amusing to see their eyes pop out of their heads with astonishment when they saw a girl in the driving seat.

On the morning I drive to Smolensk, whether with Valentine or another interpreter, I don't know.



"Haven't you had enough boating for one week?"

The Snob  
who works  
like a beaver

By LES ARMOUR

MASSEY is lean and ascetic looking, a little sad-faced and very serious.

He does not look like a tractor king and, indeed, it is absolutely certain that that description would revolt him. Once, long ago, somebody made the mistake of calling him "Charlie". The look he got made the poor man turn and flee.

Massey feels so strongly about the point that he does not like Charles among his names in which, Vincent he believes, is more consistent with his dignity.

There are no reliable anecdotes about the man. He would not care to figure in one.

And yet this man is not the stuffed-shirt he sometimes seems to try to make himself out to be.

Like it or not, he is a tractor king. And he did very well in the tractor business.

Not long after he took over the family firm (now Massey-Harris-Ferguson), the late Mackenzie King, then Prime Minister of Canada decided to drop the protective tariff on agricultural machinery.

Other tractor makers moaned and waited and issued public statements to the effect that the agricultural machinery business in Canada was through.

Massey merely sent the Prime Minister a telegram of congratulation—and went on to expand his business inside and outside Canada until it now dominates the trade around the world.

## 3 Jobs

His belief in free trade is so inbred that it never occurred to him that the end of protection might bring disaster.

He has had at least three careers and all of them have been successful.

He graduated first from the University of Toronto and then from Oxford. Armed with his two degrees, he went back to his expertise in Eighteenth Century English furniture.

Even in the darkest days of the war, his duties as High Commissioner often occupied him for 16 or 18 hours a day he continued to find time for his

scholarly interests and time to indulge his interest in art.

Massey does not ruffle easily. To be ruffled is to admit that you are not perfectly civilized and Massey prides himself on being a civilized man.

He has even found time, in the bustle of his life, to write some quite tolerable one-act plays which have been performed—and appreciated—in Toronto.

There are those who believe that he and his brother Raymond, the actor, should have been cast in one another's roles.

Raymond is affable, easy-going, approachable, the perfect diplomat. Vincent does not find meeting people easy and he does not find it easy to talk to people who do not share his scholarly background.

On the other hand, on the public platform he is the perfect actor. He can hold any audience spellbound.

Raymond, most probably, would have been a highly successful politician. Vincent never has been. His one taste of the rough and tumble of the hustings in 1925 was enough for him.

Canadians respect him, even admire him. But it is unlikely that he could get himself elected dog-catcher anywhere outside the university district of Toronto.

He lasted four years—until one of Canada's rare Tory governments swept into office.

Back home, he became President of the Liberal Party and devoted the years of opposition to party organization.

When the Tories were swept out in 1935, Mackenzie King sent him to London as High Commissioner.

There he stayed until the end of the war, amassing honorary degrees, finding time to be a Trustee of the National Gallery and a Trustee of the Tate.

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CHARLES VINCENT MASSEY

and the universities and he has had enormous influence in these matters on provincial and local governments as well as upon the national government.

Most of his predecessors in office have been content to be figureheads. Massey has worked.

Again, he has worked hard in the name of what is called "Canadianism". He believes that Canada should develop a distinctive culture of its own.

That the imported cultures of Europe are inadequate to meet the needs of a country whose citizens come from 70 different national backgrounds and which spreads itself across a continent.

This line has been popular even though neither Massey nor anyone else has ever been able to suggest what characteristics a Canadian ought to have.

Canada, in truth, is many countries and one in name only.

Prince Edward Island has far less in common with British Columbia than British Columbia has with the neighbouring American state of Washington.

British Columbians, even among themselves, have little enough in common. The brash, pushing American types of Vancouver would not want to be "integrated" with the Anglophiles of Victoria, and neither would care to develop a "common culture" with the cowmen of the Cariboo.

But Massey continues to hope. And, in the background, there

always lurks the possibility that a Governor-General may one day be called upon to act. That day may not be far off.

So long as any one party in the House of Commons has a majority and so long as the party can get its way with the Senate, no problem for the Governor-General arises. His function is merely to give the Royal Assent to bills as they are presented to him—unless, of course, one should one day appear so flagrantly evil that his conscience would not allow him to be a party to it.

## Wise

But what if no party has a majority and if the politicians cannot agree among themselves about who should govern?

Then it is the established function of a Canadian Governor-General to bring the politicians together and to negotiate until someone is able to govern.

Now, as Canada sails dangerously close to constitutional deadlock, that situation is uppermost in the minds of Canadians who think.

Massey can be trusted to be both discreet and wise. The most rumbustious politician is apt to think twice after a searching look from Massey. And Canadians respect him enough to back him if the need should ever arise.

MEN OF MEDICINE  
Maternal Mortality

SEMMELWEIS — Millions of mothers owe their lives to this little-known Hungarian doctor.

CHILDBED fever, a form of blood poisoning which strikes mothers immediately after delivery, raged through Europe for centuries. According to legend, during a full year in Lombardy, not one woman lived after bearing a child.

In 1844, the death-rate from childbed fever was so shocking that a Hungarian obstetrician, that he determined to track down the insidious killer. Working in the maternity wards of the Vienna General Hospital, Ignaz Semmelweis noticed a curious fact: the death-rate was lower among mothers in Ward I, attended by medical students, than in Ward II, where midwives were trained. Dr. Semmelweis pondered the meaning of his observation. To do so, he eliminated the possible causes. Finally, he concluded that the medical students, coming directly from dissecting corpses to examine the women, were

carrying the infection on their hands. Acting on his suspicion, Dr. Semmelweis in May, 1847, ordered students to wash their hands in antiseptic solution and scrub their fingernails with a brush before touching the mother. Within two months, the death-rate in his wards fell to one-tenth its former toll—a heartwarming proof to the doctor's theory.

Today, medical science has not only eliminated many dangers of bearing children, but has eased the discomforts of pregnancy as well. Even the most common affliction of mothers-to-be—morning sickness—is easily controlled by drugs such as Bonamine.

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# CROSSED LEGS—WHILE THEY'RE OUT IN LONDON

London.  
"THE British Empire  
may be an empire  
on which the sun never  
sets, but when you get  
to London you'll think  
it's an empire in which  
the sun seldom rises."  
So quipped an American  
friend of mine before I  
left Hongkong.

That, together with the many  
well-embellished tales of snow  
in May, pea soup fogs, and the  
legendary capriciousness of the  
English weather, filled me with  
serious forebodings on the state  
of my physical well-being in  
London, so much so that I  
launched with overcast and  
muckiness at the ready.

## Golden Sunshine

But since my arrival I have  
been greeted with nothing but  
golden sunshine. Not just a day  
of it or a week of it, but five  
glorious weeks of it.

Of course,  
with character-  
istic British  
understate-  
ment, the na-  
tives call it "most unusual,"  
whereas in fact the sunshine  
and high temperatures are  
breaking all kinds of records.

But though dogs have been  
dying of the heat at the Wind-  
sor Champion Dog Show and  
spectators have been fainting  
by the hundreds at Wimbledon,  
I found the heat no more un-  
pleasant than on a comfortably  
warm April's day in Hongkong.  
The nights, too, I found pleas-  
antly cool.

Among Chinese girls, the  
heat brought forth numerous  
silly dresses from behind the  
normal camouflage of topsails.  
These set Londoners agog, al-  
though the silks have been  
stiffened up and reduced by  
three or four inches to cater  
to British susceptibilities.

"I have such a terrible time  
walking with short skirts," one  
lovely Hongkong lass complai-  
ned. "I don't see why the Bri-  
tish consider skirts so daring.  
They think nothing of a plung-  
ing neckline, but they don't  
seem to be able to stop staring  
at a vaulting skirt."

It appears that a Chinese girl  
has to learn two things very  
quickly in London. If she does  
not want Englishmen to follow  
her home, firstly she must re-  
duce the height of her skirts, and  
secondly she must not cross her  
legs in public!

## Mixed Feelings

The heat also gave an op-  
portunity for dainty Chinese  
fans to make an appearance,  
"for the first time in years."

As for the Britishers, they  
are receiving the heat with  
mixed feelings. Some are  
making the best of it and are  
going swimming every day.  
Others are moping their  
 brows, complaining of in-  
tolerance, and putting forth the

off-quoted but unscientific thesis  
that "the hydrogen bomb has  
something to do with it."

My arrival in London almost  
coincided with the public en-  
dorsement given by the Ministry  
of Health to the Medical Re-  
search Council's report that  
smoking can cause lung cancer.  
The effect was to provide the  
public with the conversation  
piece for days.

Even today the shouting and  
tumult have by no means died.  
Letters to the editor continue to  
appear in the various news-  
papers and friends are still  
likely to greet one another with  
"Have you given up smoking  
yet?"

The crux of the problem  
centres around what steps, if  
any, the government should take

to discourage smoking in the  
face of the Medical Research  
Council's findings.

## Not Yet

Most people are convinced  
that some steps should be taken.  
Plans put forward range from  
massive educational programmes  
and enforcing the non-smoking  
rule in public places to denying  
advertising facilities to tobacco  
concerns and the prohibition of  
smoking altogether. But a plan  
that is sensible and workable  
has yet to be found.

Many smokers look upon the  
Health Ministry's endorsement  
as merely another reason for  
giving up what is already an in-  
fernal habit. But many who  
are convinced of the benefits of  
a postprandial cigarette oppose  
any government action on the  
grounds that such action would  
be opposed to British democratic  
traditions. They favour an up-  
to-you attitude. Some have  
even questioned the validity of  
the Medical Research Council's  
findings.

Meanwhile, London tobacco-  
ists report sharp drops in sales,  
though no one  
can predict how  
long this trend  
will last. The  
govern-  
ment should be concern-  
ed, too, for millions of pounds  
in revenue depend upon tobacco.

The Hongkongite travelling in  
Europe at this time does so  
under a cloud, for Hongkong,  
rightly or wrongly, is commonly  
known to be the onetime of the  
"killer flu." To admit that one  
is from Hongkong is to call upon  
one's natural opprobrium  
attached to a carrier of disease.  
The flu has been rather play-  
ed up by European newspapers  
and magazines. For example,  
the June 29 issue of the Italian  
magazine, *L'Espresso*, illustrated  
carried a long article on the  
subject, with the following head-  
line on the cover: "Il morbo di  
Hongkong: il killer di Europa."

While cases of flu have been  
by no means as serious or as  
widespread in Europe as they  
have been in Asia, the alarm  
seems to appear to be dispo-



portionately great. A French  
lady who engaged in conversa-  
tion with me in a railway car-  
riage asked: "What happens when  
you get this flu? You get it and  
you die?"

## Till Winter

The flu is not expected to  
strike England till winter, but  
already questions have been  
raised about it in Parliament  
and preventive measures have  
been set in motion.

The Port of London health  
authorities have announced  
plans for issuing yellow warning  
cards to passengers and crew  
members of ships suspected of  
incubating influenza, so as to

enable them to receive immedi-  
ate medical attention should  
they contract the infection.

## Immunity

Meanwhile, laboratories all  
over the country are working at  
full speed to perfect vaccines to  
combat the flu and many people  
have come forward to offer  
themselves as human guinea  
pigs.

In the opinion of some medi-  
cal experts, anyone who has al-  
ready had the Asian flu builds  
up an immunity to it and will  
not succumb to it again. I cer-  
tainly hope so, because I have  
already been infected by it  
twice in Hongkong.

# Mail Notices

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**Tuesday, July 23**  
By Air  
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 4 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle  
East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe,  
6 p.m.  
Canada, 6 p.m.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-  
tralia, New Zealand, 10 a.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, Japan,  
10 a.m.  
Philippines, North Borneo, Noon.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Korea, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
Indonesia, 11 a.m.  
Philippines, Sarawak, Noon.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
N. Borneo, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 24**  
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tralia, New Zealand, 10 a.m.  
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Philippines, North Borneo, Noon.  
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Korea, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
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Indonesia, 11 a.m.  
Philippines, Sarawak, Noon.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
N. Borneo, 2 p.m.

# SUSPECTS HELD BY POLICE

Three suspects were de-  
tained by the Police yester-  
day in connection with two  
cases of robbery in Kow-  
loon and one in Hongkong.

A man was detained by the  
complainant in Nathan Road at  
about 10.15 p.m. yesterday for  
stealing a fountain pen. Police  
enquiries later led to the arrest  
of another suspect who was  
alleged to have taken part in  
the theft.

A sum of money was stolen  
from a man at the Pei Ho  
Theatre at 12.25 p.m. yester-  
day. A suspect is being held by  
the police in connection with  
this case.

A wallet was stolen from a  
woman pedestrian in Nga Tsin  
Wai Road at about 5 p.m. The  
wallet was recovered and a  
suspect held by the police.

A gold necklace was snatched  
from a woman walking in Shui  
Lane, near Queen's Road, Cen-  
tral, at about 4 a.m. yesterday.  
The snatcher escaped.

## TELEVISION

9 p.m. Children's Hour—Cartoons:  
5.15, Puppet Theatre; 5.30, Comedies:  
6, Close Down; 7.30, "Crosswalk";  
with Wong Kam-tong and Joe Clark;  
7.45, Newsweek of World and Colony  
Events; 8, Chinese Classic Music  
by Mr. Yuen Ching-wah; 8.30, Lili  
Palmer; 8.45, Calling Card; 9, "Mr  
District Attorney"; starring David  
Brian; 9.20, Evening Feature Film:  
"Baby Face Morgan"; 10.20, Late  
Night Film—News Headlines;  
Weather Report and Announcements;  
Close Down.

## NEW BATHING HUT BUILT AT SOUTH BAY

The Craigengower Cricket  
Club is building a concrete  
bathing shed at South Bay  
which is expected to be ready  
for use in August.

The old matched hut, which  
members used for many years  
has been demolished.

The Club has been granted a  
five-year lease at South Bay,  
the secretary, Mr. George Hong  
Choy told members recently.

## Jane Roberts tells you . . .

## What's On Tonight

**HOOVER and LIBERTY**: "Designing Woman":  
Career girl Lauren Bacall marries newspaperman  
Gregory Peck and the fight is on. With Dolores  
Gray and Sam Levene.

**KING'S and PRINCESS**: "Public Pigeon Number  
One": A Red Skelton comedy with Janet Blair and  
Vivian Blaine.

**METROPOLE and STAR**: "Wicked As They Come":  
Arlene Dahl with a chip on her shoulder for the  
male species makes at least three of them pay  
for the sins of one. With Phil Carey and Herbert  
Marshall.

**QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA**: "Nightfall": A thriller.  
Aldo Ray, Brian Keith, Anne Bancroft.  
**ROXY and BROADWAY**: "Soa Wife": Three men  
in a boat with one woman. Joan Collins,  
Richard Burton, Basil Sydney, Cy Grant.

## AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

# Clubs Make Big Inroads Into The Hotel Trade

By Airmail

Sydney.

THE NSW hotel trade is becoming increasingly  
alarmed at the big inroads being made into  
its field by licensed clubs.

Less than three years ago becoming an hotel-keeper  
was regarded as the first step to putting oneself on the  
road to riches. No trade union was more closely tied and  
guarded than the hotel trade because hotels had a virtual  
monopoly on Australia's national drink—beer.

Maybe because hotel-keepers  
secure in their "reserve occupa-  
tion" adopted a "take it or  
leave it" attitude, many clubs—  
golf, bowling, workmen, re-  
tained soldiers, almen, and  
numerous others—began to put  
in their own drinking facilities.  
While not strictly legal, authori-  
ties more or less turned a blind  
eye to this type of drinking  
because it was being consumed  
by club members and therefore  
somewhat the same as drinking  
in their own homes.

Then poker machines came  
along and again for a con-  
siderable time the Government  
turned a blind eye in this direc-  
tion—until the hotels increas-  
ingly worried by falling sales,  
made determined efforts to have  
poker machines banned, hoping  
that once this happened club  
members would return to the  
hotels.

Instead, however, the voice  
from the club was so strong  
that poker machines were made  
legal and because they are now  
returning to the Government far  
more than £200,000 refund in  
licence fees there seems very  
little danger of them being  
banned from clubs in the  
future.

## Now A Campaign

New's the United Licensed  
Victuallers' Association has  
begun a high pressure cam-  
paign to improve public opinion  
of the hotel trade. It has com-  
missioned one of Sydney's  
leading P.R. experts at a fee of  
£3,500 to make an exhaustive  
survey of the hotel trade and  
what the public thinks of it.

ULVA members say this is  
only the first step and anticipate  
spending more than £20,000 in  
12 months to "condition the  
public mind".

The ULVA is said to be  
extremely unhappy about falling  
sales, the disappointing effects  
of 10 o'clock closing and the  
great loss of trade from hotels  
to licensed clubs and restaurants,  
which have increased in  
number.

Another point of great concern  
to ULVA is that coping for  
the few 10 o'clock drinkers has  
added tremendously to costs in  
the way of expensive artists  
staff costs, overtime and so  
many other expenses that it is  
doubtful if many hotels are  
making any money out of 10  
o'clock closing.

The hotel drinker has been  
pushed around by hotel-keepers  
for so long that the ULVA might  
get a very rude shock and per-  
haps a great awakening when it  
finds what the public really  
thinks of the hotel industry.

## Record Profit

Australia's top industrial  
enterprises, Broken Hill  
Proprietary Co. Ltd, made a net  
profit last year of over £25  
million—a record.

The 50,000 shareholders of  
BHP will draw their normal 10  
per cent dividend, but must be  
wondering what they are  
actually paying in taxation.  
They will pay their normal tax  
on their 10 per cent, but the  
company has had to set aside  
well over £4 million to meet its  
taxation bill this year.

BHP has in train an expansion  
programme costing some £70  
million which began after the  
war, but the directors have set  
aside a further £1½ million  
for a new plan in the next 12  
months.

BHP would be our second  
greatest revenue earner—the  
first being General Motors-  
Holden, who last year notched a  
handy £9 million net income.  
BHP is essentially a NSW  
undertaking, being located at  
Newcastle, Port Kembla and  
Broken Hill, although its off-  
shoots extend into other parts  
of the Commonwealth.

Not content with having this  
in its State, the Premier, Mr.  
Cahill, has now commissioned  
one of Australia's greatest  
industrialists, Mr. W. J. Smith,  
to make a world survey to seek  
overseas industries for NSW.  
Mr. Smith, who recently retired  
as Managing Director of  
Australian Consolidated In-  
dustries, is now 70, amongst  
Australia's richest men, and he  
has refused to accept a fee  
for this service to the  
Government, although it will  
meet all his expenses and the

## Gold To Hongkong

This week the greatest ship-  
ment of gold ever to leave  
Australia by one aircraft will be  
flown by a commercial airline to  
Hongkong.

The gold weighs about 4,500  
lb, and is worth more than £2  
million.

It will be in International  
standard bars and will be  
carried in wooden boxes  
resembling cherry cases.

A bank official this week was  
not too talkative about the ship-  
ment, explaining briefly that  
gold is a commodity and its  
movement around to the best  
possible markets.

The 4,500 lb. of gold is stored  
mainly in Melbourne but it  
will come from various vaults  
to the Commonwealth Bank in  
Sydney to be loaded for Hong-  
kong. (The gold has since arrived  
here. It was reported last  
week.—Ed.).

## Empty Bottles

For the last two and a half  
years 70-year-old Mrs. Alice  
Lillian Freebairn, has been  
pushing a go-cart around the  
upper-class suburbs of Neutral  
Bay and Mosman collecting  
empty bottles.

In that time she has moved in  
her go-cart 153,760 empties  
which she hands over to the St.  
Vincent de Paul Society which  
has realised about £400 selling  
the bottles to provide meals at  
one of its hostels.

Collecting the empties is a  
labour of love with Mrs. Free-  
bairn because she receives no  
commission from the Society for  
her work.

Some points she makes:  
★ People drink an awful lot  
over the weekend, for  
Monday is her busiest day.  
Next busiest is Thursday—  
before the garbage men  
comes.

★ Council garbage collectors  
who look upon bottles as a  
nice sideline have asked her  
to ease up on the collection.  
The Council inspector who  
saw a mountain of bottles in  
her yard warned her that she  
was getting very close to  
carrying on "industrial  
activities in a residential  
area". To overcome that the  
Society now sends a truck to  
clear the heap once a week.  
What surprises Mrs. Freebairn  
most is the large number of  
champagne bottles that she  
manages to collect.

## Happiest Of All

The signing of a trade agree-  
ment between Australia and  
Japan has, as reported last  
week, met with a very mixed  
reaction, but there is not the  
slightest doubt that the hap-  
piest people of all are the wool  
growers.

The retiring chairman of the  
Australian Wool Bureau, Mr. T.  
C. Carter, said the agreement  
secured bulk Japanese buying  
on the duty-free wool market.  
As the agreement provides  
for the duty-free entry into  
Japan of Australian wool to the  
extent of 80 per cent of her  
requirements for the next three  
years there is not the slightest  
reason why Mr. Carter and his  
woolly men should not be most  
happy about that aspect of the  
agreement.

While on the subject of wool,  
one of the most surprising  
decisions to come out of the  
Ginzlers' Federal Council at  
Hobart was—that asking the  
Federal Government to lift the  
embargo on the export of  
merino sheep.

The delegates came to this  
decision when it was strongly  
advocated that Australian  
merino wools were needed over-  
seas to lift wool production to  
meet the challenge of synthet-  
ics.

In spite of what the Ginzlers'  
Council wants, it can be taken  
very definitely that this is one  
direction in which the Govern-  
ment will turn a deaf ear.  
The Merino export ban has  
been on now for well over 20  
years and the Government sees  
this as one reason for Aus-  
tralia's preponderance in the  
world wool market.

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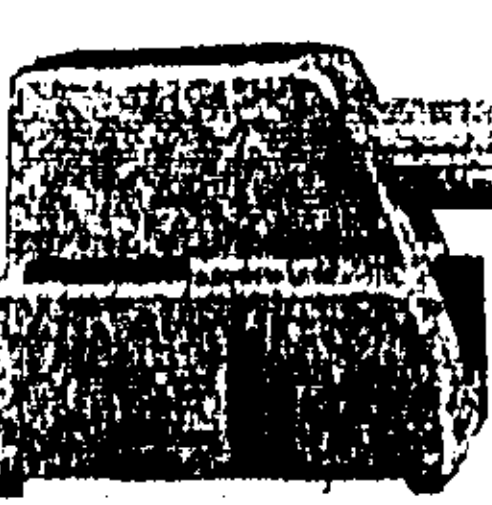
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SHEAFFER'S

ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

## HK HOUSING SURVEY BEGINS

### 140 Students Set Off

FROM Shauiwan to Aberdeen, from Sookunpoo to the Peak, from Homuntin to Kowloon Tong—those are three of the 16 different areas which will be visited by Hongkong University students for the Housing Survey which began this morning.



### Vice Chief Of The Air Staff In HK

The Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Edmund Cuthbert Hudleston, CB, CBE, arrived here from Singapore on a RAF Valetta this morning in the course of a tour of the RAF units in the Far East.

He was met at the airport by Air Commodore A. D. Messenger, Air Officer Commanding, Hongkong, and Group Captain A. J. M. Smyth, Officer Commanding, Kai Tak. The Air Marshal will stay at Flagstaff House.

It was 27 years ago today that the Air Marshal began teaching Air Commodore Messenger how to fly at Cranwell.

Air Marshal Hudleston said, this he was on his first tour prior to his taking over a new post from Sir Ronald Twiss, who was at present Vice Chief of Air Staff, to inspect airfields, men and pilots.

The tour would be completed in three weeks. From Hongkong, Air Marshal Hudleston said, he would visit Australia and then return to the United Kingdom by way of Africa.

Asked about Defence cuts, he said as the world situation got more stable, nations got more inclined to spend money on military forces.

STOP PRESS

### LEMNITZER PROMOTED

Washington, July 22. General Lester Lemnitzer, former United States and United Nations Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, was sworn in today as Army Vice-Chief of Staff.

General Lemnitzer succeeded General William Palmer who recently became Deputy US Commander-in-Chief in Europe. —Reuters.

In teams of two, 140 students collected their schedules at the Chemistry Hall at 9 a.m.

They will visit in six areas on Hongkong side, and eight areas in Kowloon, plus two others where domestic factories and non-residential structures are inhabited.

Mr E. F. Szepepanik, University Lecturer in Economics, and organiser of the survey, said yesterday, that if the students were unfortunate to find no one home, they would have to return again, and if necessary, again, for it was vital that all the people selected should be interviewed.

### No 'Brain' Yet

Otherwise there would be a bias—only responsible members of the community having schedules completed.

Letters had already been received from members of the public who wanted to be interviewed. Mr Szepepanik said, but their invitations could not be accepted, although they were appreciated, because the sample survey was a form of random selection based upon tables worked out scientifically.

No spare electronic brain has yet been offered. Mr Szepepanik commented, but even contributions towards the cost of an electric computer (about \$4,000) would be welcomed, he said, to help with the analysis calculations.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Traffic Lights

Sir,—Whilst accepting that articles and reviews published in your newspaper are, if received from news agencies, taken on face value and not subject to scrutiny by your proof readers I discovered a few "black" in yesterday's copy of "The China Mail".

"The Brothers Karamzov" concerns Russian village life in the 19th century. The poor bear that Mr Brynner dances with only weighs 100 lbs. and stands 6 ft. 2 inches. It must be the skinniest bear in captivity. But the prize must go to your caption writer who wrote the caption for the picture of the big tram hold up in the city. The next set of traffic lights in the direction the trams are heading is more than half way down Hennessy Road, enough space to accommodate all Hongkong trams together, or could your photographer mistake one of Mr Morrison's boys for a traffic light standard.

WOODSTOCK. [No prize. Our photographer was a little late. By the time we got there the queue was moving up. There are traffic lights at Pedder Street.—Ed.]

### Pedestrian Injured

A woman pedestrian was knocked down and injured by a lorry on the Tai Kok Tsui waterfront near Chung Wing Street at about 2.25 p.m. yesterday.

The woman, Wong Ho, aged 24, of 169, Reclamation Street, 2nd floor, was taken to Kowloon Hospital, where she is now detained for treatment.

### Do You Recognise This Building?



So that's what it looks like! The new American Consulate was "new" about six weeks ago, but pedestrians and motorists in Garden Road have not been able to see it because the old Consulate building has hidden it. Now the old building has been almost levelled and the Colony has its first unobstructed view of the new Consulate for the first time from Garden Road. — China Mail Photo.

### 'POLICE BEAT ME' MAN TELLS COURT

A MAN on trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning alleged that he admitted to a charge of assault with intent to rob because of beatings he received at a Police Station.

Tsui Man who faces an additional charge of possession of a loaded revolver claimed he was slapped, beaten and struck with an iron rod until "I could do nothing but to sign my name on the paper."

Tsui is alleged to have, together with another man, assaulted a gardener in his hut in Headland Road, Repulse Bay, at about 8 p.m. on May 7, with intent to rob.

The trial is before Mr Justice A. D. Scholts and a jury of four men and three women.

#### 90 CENTS

In evidence this morning, the accused said that after failing to find a classmate in Stanley he decided to return to his home in Kowloon Tsui. He found he had only 90 cents on him which would not be enough to pay for the bus fare and ferry fare. He decided therefore to walk to Repulse Bay and there take a bus to town.

He had reached the junction of Island Road and South Bay Road when he saw a Chinese detective, Lam Chuen, leave a car and approach him. Accused said he was asked to raise his hands for a search. He told the detective that he was on his way to board a bus in Repulse Bay.

The detective then took him "aside the car in which he found a European and a Chinese (Lo Woon) who was handcuffed. They were taken to Stanley Police Station. Tsui alleged that he was asked to put on a suit of Chinese clothing (a Court exhibit). He declared that when he told the Police the suit did not belong to him he was slapped and struck several blows by Detective Lam.

#### MOUTH BLEED

He alleged after Lo Woon was removed to another room he was slapped again, which caused his mouth to bleed. His head was pushed against a wall, Tsui further alleged.

Accused said he denied he committed a robbery. He also denied he was in possession of a gun.

"Then another Chinese detective appeared with a flat iron piece of iron. The first Chinese detective said, 'Don't you admit?' and struck me with the iron rod on the forehead, scratching my wrist. The tip of my finger was also bruised," Tsui alleged. "As I could not bear the beating any more I agreed," he said.

He was taken to a room where the Inspector in charge of the case (Insp. Chan Kiyek) wrote on a piece of paper. He was asked to sign. He said that the contents were not correct. A policeman who was by his side said, "Don't you take my direction?" He could do

#### NOT CORRECT

He was given a further statement by another interpreter. He told the interpreter that it was not a correct statement whereupon he was struck on the side of the body. He then signed.

In cross-examination, Mr Stewart Collier, Crown Counsel, asked: "According to you the case against you was made up by the Police?" Tsui answered "Yes."

Accused alleged that "all this was made up by Lam Chuen." In answer to another question, accused said the people who saw him in a Chinese suit were mistaken, because it was dark at the time.

Hearing is proceeding.

### CAR CLEANER GAOLED AND FINED \$200

A 26-year-old car cleaner who pleaded guilty to three traffic offences before Miss B. K. Searle at Central Court this morning was sentenced to three months' gaol on one charge and fined \$200 or two months on two other charges.

Defendant, So Kuen, 26, who lived on the roof-top of 9 Suetter Street, was given the keys to a private car on Monday afternoon.

Early this morning two policemen on patrol saw the car being parked in an unusual manner.

When they questioned defendant he admitted that he had no licence, that he was driving without third party insurance and that he had taken the car without the owner's consent.

He was sent to prison for three months for driving without third party insurance, and fined \$100 or one month on the other charges. He was also disqualified from holding a licence for one year.

An additional charge for breach of bond was admitted by the defendant and the bond of \$50 was ordered to stand.

### Do-It-Yourself Speechmaking Kit Suggested

MR Tim Birch of Radio Hongkong today suggested the establishment of "a sort of do-it-yourself kit of speechmaking".

He was speaking at the Hongkong Rotary Lunch.

Mr Birch said when he came to a Rotary lunch for the first time last week "the thing that most remained in my mind was the organisation—particularly those little boxes at the door from which every member draws his nameplate."

"All of us at some time or other have to speak to an audience of collectors or persons of households or theatregoers, or even, if we are lucky, beauty queens."

#### BOXES

"Now supposing that we had a number of boxes each with a label like that and appointing each time one of us to draw a nameplate story he popped it in the box—then when you wanted material for a speech before say the Household Brigade or the Old Comrades Association you'd just go to the box marked Military Stories, select the ones you wanted and there was your speech."

"Perhaps there'd have to be a date stamp and initials and a rule that you had to wait six months before using the story twice."

#### NOT THE END

"But I think perhaps you'll agree with me that some system whereby those of us who have to do this kind of thing can get each other in long overdue and the scene of this do-it-yourself speech kit is launched the happier we shall all be."

Mr Birch said next to businessmen, barristers were often the best after-dinner speakers. They did not mind jokes against themselves.

Lord Ogmore used to enjoy great success with his favourite story about lawyers and this epitaph: "Here lies a lawyer and an honest man."

"Passers by," said Lord Ogmore "would constantly remark on the economy of burying two men in a single grave."

Finally Mr Birch told a story about Radio Hongkong "which is perfectly true."

"We had a woman caller who was brilliant when she was on the air but when she wasn't—well—anything could happen and it usually did."

"One day she was reading the news summary and this is how it went—'The last item was read, and then came the announcement: 'And that is the end of the news—Oh, no it isn't here's a little bit more!'."

JUMPED OFF BUS

A Chinese woman, Lee Fong, aged 30, living at Hut No. 101, Sun Wai Village, was injured when she jumped off a moving bus in Lai Chi Kok Road at about 9.55 p.m. yesterday.

The woman was admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

### Arts Student On Charge Of Speeding

A woman arts student of the Hongkong University, Li Chao-wah, aged 20, of 54 Centre Street, first floor, denied a charge of speeding, before Mr Thomas Tam at Central Court this morning.

Li, the prosecution alleged, drove a car at more than 30 mph from Causeway Road, near Queen's College to King's Road near Tsing Fung Street on May 5.

Defendant told the court that the witness was a police, and that she was an educated member of society. "Therefore I don't think either of us is telling a lie."

To this Mr Tam said that he was not so sure.

He added that University students were helping with the housing problem, and they should also help with the Colony's traffic problem.

Defendant said her speed motor showed 28-29 mph at the time of the alleged offence and that its accuracy had been checked several times.

Mr Tam found her guilty and cautioned her.

### Thief Can Keep His Loot

A thief was sent to prison this morning for three months but was allowed to keep his loot.

Ko Ming, 26, of 466 'A' Block, fourth floor, Kowloon Chai Resettlement Area, pleaded guilty to stealing 150 pounds of metallic type, worth \$400.

He said he took the type to a marine store and sold it for \$37.85.

In sentencing him to three months, Miss B. K. Searle said he could keep what remained of his loot—\$8.25.

The China Mail Music Critic

Writes On Mr Clauson

## BALLADS IN KOWLOON

The programme said "William Clauson, ballad singer and guitarist" and that was surely a grave understatement for Mr Clauson has a fine voice, is an excellent musician and above all possesses that indefinable "something" which marks the true artist and shows him to be the master of his craft.

All this made last night's recital at the Wah Yan College, Kowloon, a night which will remain long in our memories as an evening of pure entertainment as well as being of great value musically.

William Clauson has a very fine voice with a big reserve of power and very good breath control; he also has perfect diction so that not a single syllable is lost. He could certainly put up a very good performance in a classical operatic role; in fact, one is almost tempted to say that his voice is wasted singing ballads; but this would be a grave error because we would then be deprived of the great pleasure which his act brings.

Then he ranks high as an instrumentalist. He plays his guitar with precision and a superb technique which enables him to produce a very wide range of tones and effects; it was almost as if we were hearing a group of instruments instead of just a solo one.

#### The Programme

I must confess that when I first heard that Mr Clauson was coming to Hongkong, I expected a programme of American cowboy and folk-songs. How wrong I was. Mr Clauson's repertoire consists of folk-songs and ballads from countries all over the world. Last night's programme contained songs from at least twelve different countries, including the new one in Chinese which Professor Chao Mei-pa has been teaching him.

Folk-music is of great importance although we frequently tend to overlook it. After all, our modern music has developed from it and many contemporary composers such as Vaughan-Williams have found direct inspiration from it. It should therefore be of great value to the student to hear such a collection, it is indeed rarely that we have an opportunity like this.

#### The Final Polish

A good voice, a good instrumentalist, and good and interesting programme material do not alone make a first-class performance. William Clauson has the knack of "projecting" himself into the audience so that we all feel as if we are taking an active part in his performance. He commands all this together with a facility and a light touch which has even a fairly

stolid Hongkong audience responding readily and rapidly.

This good humour and ready response caused the only slight hiatus during the evening. Mr Clauson in his encores chose to sing a Chinese Buddhist Chant, already mentioned, after a very light-hearted and humorous song. He dispensed with his guitar and played a Chinese temple block.

Unfortunately the "gaps" of the block which was directly facing us, were too much like a laughing mouth and this combined with the humour of the previous song was too much for many of us, and what should have been a serious number, provoked considerable mirth. Perhaps a rearrangement of the order of the programme would overcome this. I hope that Mr Clauson will not be deterred and will include this chant in his repertoire, it is well worth while.

The rest of the programme was enjoyed to the full by us all. The Music Society is again to be thanked and congratulated for bringing last night's artist here for this recital and his performance on the "Showboat" trip last Friday. May we say that we hope to hear more of Mr Clauson in the future.

R. A. BONES.

### Exporting Gold Summons

The Chung Seng Hong firm, situated at No. 133, Connaught Road, was summoned before Mr Hin-shing Lo this morning at the Central Magistracy for allegedly exporting gold without a licence.

Ko Fung-ping, representing the firm, pleaded not guilty to the summons.

It was alleged that on May 16, this year, the firm attempted to export by the S.S. Yilluwh 1,938.7 tins of gold without licence from the Director of Commerce and Industry.

Hearing was fixed on September 4.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Just our luck! Planted out here miles from civilisation—and all these air-cooled stores full of summer bargains!"

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